Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi (*Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*): May I know whether there is any rule prohibiting the Excise Officers registering cardamom estates?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan: There is no such rule.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai (*Quilon* cum *Kunnathur*): May I know whether there is any prohibition that no station should be located near the cardamom lands?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan: There is no rule to that effect, Sir.

Statement, by caste, of the candidates advised for recruitment to public service by the Public Service Commissioner.

75 ***Mr. E. K. Kuriyppe**: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste.

(*a*) of the candidates advised for recruitment to public service by the Public Service Commissioner after his appointment;

(*b*) of the candidates not appointed from among those advised for recruitment, and of those confirmed out of those appointed; and

(*c*) of those among the confirmed receiving a pay below Rs. 20, those in the scale of Rs. 25-40 and those receiving a pay of over Rs. 40?

Mr. C. S. Lekshmanan Pillai (*Ag. Public Service Commissioner*): (*a*) The required *statement relating to the period from 1-2-1112 to 31-11-1116, is laid on the table.

(*b*) & (*c*) The time and labour involved in collecting the information is considered to be out of proportion to its possible utility.

Buses run with charcoal gas.

76. *** Mr. James Fletcher** (*Kalkulam and Vilavankod* cum *Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of buses run with charcoal gas by the State Transport Department;

(*b*) the cost of installing a charcoal gas engine on a bus;

(*c*) the saving per 1000 miles effected on account of running the bus with charcoal gas; and

(*d*) the number of private buses run with charcoal gas?

Mr. E. G. Salter (*Director of Transport*): (*a*) 9.

(*b*) Depends on the nature of the vehicles and the structural alterations necessary. It may vary from Rs. 700 to Rs. 1000.

(*c*) Rs. 78 approximately.

(*d*) 34.

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Mr. T. Krishna Pillai (*Kalkulam and Vilavancode* cum *Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether the honourable member is aware that the buses run on charcoal gas invariably stop on the way?

Mr. E. G. Salter: Yes, to pick up and set down passengers.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I know the maximum speed of these charcoal driven vehicles?

Mr. E. G. Salter: I have myself driven a bus which operates exclusively on charcoal at 47 miles per hour.

Mr. V. Sankara Menon (*Trivandrum and Nedumangad* cum *Chirayinkil*): Will the use of charcoal affect the buses more injuriously?

Mr. E. G. Salter: In some models, yes. In our models, no.

Guns deposited in the Police stations of Kothamangalam, Perumbavoor, etc.

77. ***Mr. E. K. Kuriyppe**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of guns deposited by private individuals, till the end of Edavam 1116 in each of the police stations of Kothamangalam, Perumbavoor, Muvattupuzha, Devicolam, and Alwaye;

(*b*) the number of such guns detained in the said stations for more than two years; and

(*c*) the number detained for more than one year?

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

Name of Station.	(*a*)	(*b*)	(*c*)
Kothamangalam ...	279	8	36
Perumbavur ...	17	6	5
Muvattupuzha ...	62	5	10
Deviçolam ...	16	6	6
Alwaye ...	34	22	12
Total ...	408	47	69

Mr. E. K. Kuriyppe: കോതമംഗലം പോലീസ് സ്റ്റേഷനിലും മറ്റു പൊലീസ് സ്റ്റേഷനുകളിലുമായി നാല്പത്തേഴു തോക്കുകൾ ഡിപ്പാസിറ്റ് ചെയ്തിട്ടു രണ്ടു കൊല്ലത്തിൽ അധികമായി എന്നു മറുപടിയിൽ പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നു. ഇത്രയും കാലതാമസം വരാനുള്ള കാരണം എന്താണ്?

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: കാരണം എന്താണെന്ന് അറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ. അതിനെപ്പറ്റി അന്വേഷിക്കാം.

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